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a2 if so, applying (KD) to the encrypted digital content to decrypt such
encrypted digital content; and
rendering the decrypted digital content.

In the Abstract:

Please delete the Abstract and insert the following:

--A method is disclosed for a device to interdependently validate a digital content package having a piece of digital content in an encrypted form, and a corresponding digital license for rendering the digital content. A first key is derived from a source available to the device, and a first digital signature is obtained from the digital content package. The first key is applied to the first digital signature to validate the first digital signature and the digital content package. A second key is derived based on the first digital signature, and a second digital signature is obtained from the license. The second key is applied to the second digital signature to validate the second digital signature and the license.--

Remarks

Claims 106-157 are pending in the present application as preliminarily amended.

Claims 1-105 have been canceled and claims 106-157 have been added. The title has been canceled and replaced with a new title corresponding to claims 106-157, the specification has been amended to include a new "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" section, and the abstract has been canceled and replaced with a new abstract corresponding to claims 106-157.